

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Atty. Docket No. 067242/0107



In re application of

Fumihiko Watanabe et al.

Group Art Unit: 1612

Serial No.: 09/120,383

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: July 22, 1998

For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE
INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

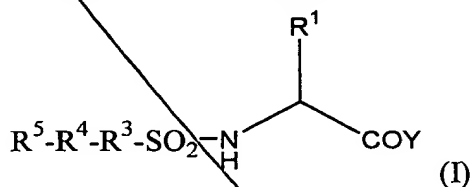
Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed October 22, 1998, please amend the
above identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:.

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26. (Amended) A compound of the formula I:



wherein R⁵ is an optionally substituted phenyl group,
R⁴ is a bond,

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